

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 648
By Beavers

A RESOLUTION to honor and congratulate Head Coach Mark Purvis and the 1997-1998 Mt. Juliet Senior High School freshman boys' basketball team, District 8 regular season and tournament champions.

WHEREAS, the state of Tennessee takes great pride in the stellar accomplishments of those athletic teams that work hard, play adroitly, and succeed; and

WHEREAS, the excellent 1997-1998 Mt. Juliet Senior High School freshman boys' basketball team is clearly one such squad deserving of special recognition; and

WHEREAS, Mt. Juliet won the regular season District 8 title, with an 8-1 record; and

WHEREAS, the Bears also crushed each of their opponents to win the prestigious District 8 Tournament; and

WHEREAS, they ended their memorable year with a ten-game winning streak; and

WHEREAS, their 14-2 overall season record and a winning percentage of .880 reflects well on the players and their school; and

WHEREAS, highly regarded and respected Head Coach Mark Purvis has molded the natural talent of the squad into championship caliber; and

WHEREAS, each of the players maintained consistency and intensity, whether starting or coming off the bench; and

WHEREAS, the team leaders were, Chris Thomas, who was selected regular season All-District 8 and District 8 All-Tournament, Derek DePew, a District 8 All-Tournament choice,

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Charles Shannon, District 8 All-Tournament honoree, Chris McClain, a member of the regular season All-District 8 team, and Matt Jernigan, who was named regular season All-District 8; and

WHEREAS, each of the additional players also made valuable contributions. The other players were: Chase Baker, Elijah Brown, Joseph Cole, Kevin Aquillard, Robbie Jervis, and Cameron Parnell; and

WHEREAS, the hard-working manager was Drew Stewart; and

WHEREAS, it is fitting that we pause in our deliberations to salute the accomplishments of this notable team; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE-HUNDREDTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, That we honor and congratulate Head Coach Mark Purvis and the 1997-1998 Mt. Juliet Senior High School freshman boys' basketball team and express our confidence that a great future awaits them.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That appropriate copies of this resolution be prepared for presentation to the school and to each person named above, with this final clause omitted from such copies.